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1. The number of peasant farmers who have fled to the West continues to increase as a result of the excessive taxes imposed on them. All the farmers' possessions, including agricultural machinery and household goods, are being seized in payment of taxes.
2. When SED officials have protested that a farmer cannot work without machinery, or in its absence cannot help getting further in debt, they have been told by the district council (Kreisrat) that such action against farmers offers the district council a means of socializing agriculture in its entirety.

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